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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action of August 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect <u>Group I</u> (i.e., Claims 1-7 and 11-16), with traverse. Additionally, should the Examiner require the election of <u>one</u> nucleotide sequence for examination, Applicants' respectfully elect <u>SEQ ID NO:13</u>.

Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications in the future in connection with the non-elected groups.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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